

REMARKS

Claims 29-36 are pending in the application.

Claims 29-36 are allowed.

Claims 22, 23, 28, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Claims 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 22-28, 37 and 38 are cancelled.

No new matter is added.

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 29-36.

Applicants hereby cancel rejected claims 22-28, 37 and 38. Accordingly, the present application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 22, 23, 28, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,921,947 issued to Furuta et al. (hereinafter “Furuta”).

This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 22, 23, 28, 37 and 38.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furuta in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,642,105 issued to Kim (hereinafter “Kim”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 24-27.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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